Creation of a single European community market

3583. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some studies have been conducted by Government regarding likely impact of the proposed creation of a Single European Community Market; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Studies carried out on the measures initiated to Integrate the European market indicate that the proposals cover simplification and abolition of frontier controls on goods, freedom of movement and establishment of people, implementaton of the new approach for technical harmonisation and standards and prevention of new technical barriers, opening of public procurement markets, liberalisation of capital movements, company law and taxation, intellectual and industrial property, removal of fiscal frontiers and liberalisation of capital movements and in the services sector, financial services, banking, insurance, securities, markets and transport. Since a large number of the proposals are yet to be adopted by the European Council, exact impact of these on our trade cannot be assessed accurately.

Tripura Accord

3584. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to a newsitem in the Newstime of the 6th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tripura Accord signed in August, 1984, has run into difficulties;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the progress with regard to its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In so far as Central Government is concerned, action as required to implement the provisions of the Memorandum of Settlement on Tripura has by and large, already been taken. TNV personnel came overground and deposited arms and ammunition according to a time bound programme thus restoring normalcy in Tripura. Most of the former underground elements of TNV have already been reliabilitated. More powers have been given to the District Council in Tripura through Sixth Schedule to the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 1988 which came into force w.e.f. 16th December, 1988. Measures have been taken both for short term and long term economic development of tribal areas in Tripura. All India Radio has also increased the contents of their programme for tribal language.

Drug trafficking

3585. DR. G. VIJAY MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINACNE

(a) whether it is a fact that at present India is a major transit point for dangerous narcotic drugs; and

(b) what is the number of drug smuggling cases registered during 1988 and how many culprits were punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) It is a fact that India Is increasingly being used as a major transit point for trafficiking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. This has also been confirmed by the reports of International Narcotics Control Board.